Purdy W. Funk

[c/o The Gorham Company], 1918-1921

April 29th, 1918.

Mr. W. Frank Purdy,
c/o The Gorham Company,
New York.

Dear Mr. Purdy:-

I have been wondering recently whether an invitation to become a member of this Society has ever been extended to you. If such is the case, it is high time that that condition be changed. We are to have a meeting of our Council next Monday, and if you will sign the enclosed card, it would give me the greatest pleasure to present your name to them at that time. Mr. Holbrook of your Company is one of our good members. A number of sculptors have joined recently, and I think the annual dues of five dollars will hardly impose an undue burden upon your pocketbook.

Yours very respectfully,

Secretary.

THE GORHAM CO.
FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF SCULPTURE

June 9,1919

Mr Sydney P Noe, Sec.
The American Numismatic Society
Broadway, between 155th and 156th Sts
New York

My dear Mr.Noe,

Upon my return from a short rest I found your note of the 3rd inst.,This brings to my mind the fact that I have been guilty of an error in my business dealings with you in connection with the Peace Medal. For reasons best known to themselves our organization have made it an invariable rule to charge two classes of commission, one of 25%, where the work of art has been handled in our own foundry and an other 33½% where it is outside work. This distinction is rendered necessary solely because of the expense of conducting a gallery of this ~~line~~ Kind on Fifth Avenue. I shall have to ask you what the reply is, and if as a consequence you feel that you must withdraw the medal from sale, I shall not be at all disturbed. Also discontinued

Very cordially yours,

W Frank Pandy

WFP/D

June 11, 1919.

The Gorham Co.,
Fifth Ave., New York.

Dear Mr. Purdy:-

I am sorry to learn of the condition outlined in your letter of June 9th. My instructions were positive, and as I have no discretion in the matter, the only course open is to have the medals returned. I, too, am disappointed that we shall not be able to coöperate in this matter, because it is my belief that the medal has distinctive promise as a selling possibility. Will you kindly hold the plaster cast until I can send for it?

May I avail myself of this opportunity to thank you for your sympathetic reception of the medal and for your interest in our problems. And may I hope that the interest you expressed in our aims will not be affected by the present inability to agree on the Peace Medal proposition?

Yours very sincerely,

Secretary.

THE GORHAM CO.
FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF SCULPTURE

June 17th. 1919.

Sidney P. Noe Esq.,
Sect. of American Numismatic Society,
Broadway and 156th Street,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Noe:-

It is with the greatest possible pleasure that I write you that we are going to retain the medals on the 25% basis. We feel that this is the least that we can do to cooperate with the good work that your Society is doing for Medallic Art, in this country.

Very truly yours,
THE GORHAM COMPANY.
PER. Wm. F. Pady

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December 12th, 1921.

Mr. F. C. Purdy,
c/o The Gorham Company,
Fifth Avenue & 36th Street,
New York.

Dear Mr. Purdy:-

I take pleasure in handing herewith the cut of the French Croix de Guerre, and trust this will meet your need.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.